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RISK FACTOR FOR ONSET
OF DIABETES

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the communication from the Examiner mailed July 31, 2001 (Paper number 19). In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the communication, Applicant elects to prosecute Group I, Claim 2, drawn to methods for detecting a risk factor for diabetic onset by detecting an abnormality at the site encoding arginine at amino acid residue 140 of the cd38 gene. Claim 1 will be examined regardless of this election. This election is made without traverse.

No fees are believed due for the present Amendment, however, should any fees be due, please charge them to our deposit account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,
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